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Patrick Foye Executive Director Port Authority of New York and New Jersey 225 Park Avenue South New York, NY 10003-1604

Re: Notification of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Director Foye:

This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received a complaint filed against the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (Port Authority) on January 28, 2014, alleging a violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R Part 7.

OCR is responsible for processing and investigating complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from EPA. Pursuant to EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, OCR will review the complaint for acceptance, rejection, or referral to another Federal agency. 40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(1). Once this jurisdictional review is complete, OCR will notify you about its decision.

EPA's nondiscrimination regulations also provide that OCR must attempt to resolve complaints informally whenever possible (40 C.F.R. §7.120(d)(2)). Accordingly, if the complaint is accepted for investigation, OCR may discuss offers to informally resolve the complaint, and may, to the extent appropriate, facilitate an informal resolution process with the involvement of affected stakeholders.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this complaint, please contact Jerett Yan of my staff at (202) 564-3113, via e-mail at yan.jerett@epa.gov, or via

mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights, (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460.

Sincerely,

Helena Wooden-Aguilar Acting Deputy Director

Enclosures

cc: Kenneth Redden, Acting Assistant General Counsel Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

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